(b) whether any scheme have been drawn up to establish well equipped hospitals in the different areas of the capital; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when those hospitals are likely to be ready?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Government is aware of the fact that there is shortage of beds in Government Hospitals in Delhi. In order to meet the requirement of the Capital, Delhi Administration have prepared long term plan for opening of Hospitals in the periphery of Delhi. Approved of the Government for construction of two 500 bedded hospitals one each at Shahadra and Hari-nagar and three 100 bedded Hospitals one each at Mangolpuri, Khichripur and Jaffarpur has already been accorded. The two 500 bedded hospitals are expected to be ready by December, 1986. The bedded hospital at Mangolpuri would be ready by December, 1986. The other two 100-bedded hospitals are expected to be ready before the end of the Seventh Plan period.

Shantilal Mehta Committee Report on medical education

1780. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Shantilal Mehta Committee has submitted its reports to Government on medical education;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made therein;

(c) whether those recommendations have been examined and any decision taken in the matter; and

(d) if not, by when the report is likely to be implemented by Government?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Government of India set up a Medical Education Review Committee in September, 1981 to review and make recommendations for effecting necessary changes in the present medical education system. The Committee in its Report, *inter alia*, has made recommendations relating to (i) National Entrance Examination for admission to Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses; (ii) abolition of capitation fees; (iii) additional incentives to doctors for serving in rural areas; (iv) establishment of Universities of Health Sciences; (v) establishment of Regional Institutions, etc. On receipt of the Report of the Review Committee, an Empowered Committee was appointed which has since submitted its report. Government is yet to take a final view on the recommendations of the Medical Education Review Committtee and the Empowered Committee.

Demand and supply of coal wagons to Gujarat

1781. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat is allotted less than 50 per cent wagons of coal against their minimum demand;

(b) what is the total demand of various categories of coal from Gujarat per year;

(c) how many wagons actually have been allotted to Gujarat last year against their demand; and

(d) what is the demand of Gujarat for all categories of coal for the year 1985 and how much has been actually supplied?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The total demand as reflected by the programmes filed for various categories of coal for Gujarat for 1985 (upto October) works out to 1716 wagons per day.

(c) During 1984, against a demand for 1520 wagons per day, 1151 wagons per day were allotted.

(d) Against a demand of 1716 wagons per day during 1985 (upto October), 1238 wagons per day have been actually supplied to Gujarat State.

Shifting of Zonal Headquarters of Western Railways to Gandhi Nagar

1782. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a demand for shifting of zonal headquarters of Western Railways from Bombay to Gandhi Nagar in Gujarat; and

(b) if so, what are the administrative difficulties in shfting the headquarters of Western Railways from Bombay to Gandhi Nagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The question of shifting of headquarters of Western Railway from Bombay has been examined but found not feasible on administrative, operational and economic considerations. Apart from huge expenditure, shifting of such well established office will involve transfer of a large number of staff and other allied problems. The prolonged disruption of administrative machinery during shifting also cannot be ignored.

Clearance of containers at Cochin Port

1783. SHRI C. HARIDAS: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cochin Port authorities have been at logger heads with the railways regarding the clearance of the containers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of containers have been lying unattended in the port as a result thereof;

(c) what are the reasons for this non-co-operation and the measures Government have taken to patch up the difference between the organisations; and

(d) what is the estimated loss due to this non-co-operation?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Appeal for treatment abroad by Shri V. Chandrasekhar

1784. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any appeal/memorandum from Shri V. Chandrasekhar, international table tennis player, for treatment abroad; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) No such appeal/memorandum has been received from Shri V. Chandrasekhar. However, an appeal was received from Tamilnadu Table Tennis Association in this regard. An amount of Rs. 25,000 out of National Welfare Fund for Sportsmen has been sanctioned to Shri V. Chandrasekhar to partially meet expenses on his treatment.